

Grace Episcopal Church
Scripture 202b: Adult New Testament Bible Study
Lesson 2: Jesus according to Mark (and Q)

Tonight:

Prayer

What is a Gospel?

Quick overview of Two Source Theory

Jesus According to Mark

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Next Week: Read Gospel of Matthew; NOAB, pp.1746-1747 & Matthew notes; Fant, pp. 337-342

What is a Gospel?

Powell, pp 88 - 101

Faces of Jesus video

The Gospel was not only type of book but content of Christian preaching.

- Compilation of materials – biography, genealogies, hymns, parables, speeches, miracle stories, pronouncements, teachings, etc.
- Influenced by Jewish literature – not only was authors influenced by it but also referred to as Scriptures
- Ancient biographies not modern – anecdotal without concern for chronology
- “Fiction like” writing style to the modern reader rather than biography
- Overtly evangelistic

Materials in Gospels

- Parables – more than 40 in Matt, Mark, Luke, none in John; box 4.3
- Miracle stories – box 4.4 – healing sick or disabled, focus on faith
- Pronouncement story – some great truth sometimes in anecdotes, Matt. 18:21-22
- Individual sayings – Luke 12:34, Mark 3:24, Mark 1:15
- Passion and Resurrection Narratives – life of the last week of Jesus from arrest to resurrection, Matt 28: 1 – 16

Quick overview of Two Source Theory

Fant, pp 322-324

Contents of Q: Material in Matthew and Luke but Not in Mark

Preaching of John the Baptist	Luke 3:7–9	Matt. 3:7–10
Temptation of Jesus	Luke 4:1–13	Matt. 4:1–11
Beatitudes	Luke 6:20–23	Matt. 5:3–12
Love for enemies	Luke 6:27–36	Matt. 5:39–48; 7:12
On judging others	Luke 6:37–42	Matt. 7:1–5; 10:24; 15:14
On bearing fruit	Luke 6:43–45	Matt. 7:15–20
Parable of two builders	Luke 6:47–49	Matt. 7:24–27
Healing of a centurion's servant	Luke 7:1–10	Matt. 8:5–10, 13
John the Baptist questions Jesus	Luke 7:18–35	Matt. 11:2–19
The would-be disciples	Luke 9:57–60	Matt. 8:19–22
Jesus' missionary discourse	Luke 10:2–16	Matt. 9:37–38; 10:9–15; 11:21–23
Thanksgiving to the Father	Luke 10:21–24	Matt. 11:25–27; 13:16–17
The Lord's Prayer	Luke 11:2–4	Matt. 6:9–13
Asking and receiving	Luke 11:9–13	Matt. 7:7–11
Jesus identified with Beelzebul	Luke 11:14–23	Matt. 12:22–30
Return of an evil spirit	Luke 11:24–26	Matt. 12:43–45
The sign of Jonah	Luke 11:29–32	Matt. 12:38–42
On light	Luke 11:33–36	Matt. 5:15; 6:22–23
Woe to the Pharisees	Luke 11:37–52	Matt. 23:4–7, 13–36
Fear of humans and God	Luke 12:2–12	Matt. 10:19, 26–33; 12:32
Do not worry about life	Luke 12:22–34	Matt. 6:19–21, 25–33
Be ready for the master's return	Luke 12:39–46	Matt. 24:43–51
Divisions in the family	Luke 12:51–53	Matt. 10:34–36
Signs of the times	Luke 12:54–56	Matt. 16:2–3
Settle out of court	Luke 12:57–59	Matt. 5:25–26
Parable of leaven	Luke 13:20–21	Matt. 13:33
The narrow door	Luke 13:23–30	Matt. 7:13–14, 22–23; 8:11–12
Lament over Jerusalem	Luke 13:34–35	Matt. 23:37–39
Parable of the banquet	Luke 14:15–24	Matt. 22:1–14
Carrying the cross	Luke 14:26–27	Matt. 10:37–38
Parable of the lost sheep	Luke 15:1–7	Matt. 18:12–14
On serving two masters	Luke 16:13	Matt. 6:24
Role of the law and prophets	Luke 16:16–17	Matt. 5:18; 11:13
Rebuking and forgiving sin	Luke 17:1–6	Matt. 18:6–7, 15, 20–22
The day of the Son of Man	Luke 17:23–27, 33–37	Matt. 24:17–18, 26–28, 37–41
Parable of the talents	Luke 19:11–27	Matt. 25:14–30

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Source: Powell, page 98

Jesus According to Mark

Powell, pp 124 – 145 ; Fant, pp 326 – 336; NOAB, pp. 1791- 1824

What is NOT in Mark?

Jesus birth, good Samaritan, prodigal son, Lord's Prayer, Beatitudes, Golden Rule, encounters with Zacchaeus, Mary & Martha, Thomas, woman at well, resurrection of Lazarus, changing water into wine, Love your enemies ..., God so loved the world ...

First gospel written between 65 AD – 73 AD (Destruction of Temple in 70 AD) Mark 13:2

Author: GOK, or John Mark by early church tradition, Fant = anonymous but refer to as Mark, devout Christian who believes that Jesus is Messiah and Son of God. Does not know much about Palestine.

Starting point is John and Ministry of Jesus

Contents: Fant p. 328

- I. Jesus in Galilee (1-9)
 - a. Introduction (1:1-13)
 - b. The Galilean Ministry (1:14 – 8:26)
 - c. Events near Caesarea Philippi (8:27-9:29) Peter confession (8:27-30)
 - d. Return to Galilee (9:30-50)
- II. Jesus in Jerusalem (10:1-16:8)
 - a. Journey to Jerusalem (10:1 – 52)
 - b. The Jerusalem Ministry (11:1 – 14:42)
 - c. The arrest, trial, crucifixion of Jesus (14:42-15:47)
 - d. The empty tomb (16:1-8)
 - e. Shorter ending (p 1824 NOAB)
 - f. Longer ending (16:9-20)

Overview by Powell pp. 126 – 128

Hallmarks of Mark

- Urgency, word “immediately” found 42 times
 - Time is fulfilled Mk 1:15
- Uses colloquial and unrefined Greek
- Special kind of story teller
 - Intercalation
 - J sends disciples out on Mission (6:7-13)
 - Why Herod killed John the B (6:14-29)
 - Disciples return from Mission (6:30)

Major themes

- Very human portrait of Jesus
- Centrality of the Cross
- Secrecy
- Proclamation of the Kingdom
- Disciples don't get it